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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Dear Sir:

Applicants are appreciative for the Personal Interview of September 9, 2009 with regard to the subject application. Applicants Philipp Lang and Daniel Steines participated, as did David Cerveny and the undersigned, as counsel. Representing the Patent and Trademark Office were Examiners Jonathan Cwern and Ruth Smith. In accordance with the requirement of the Interview Summary received, the following summarizes the substance of the Interview.

Dr. Lang showed an exemplary computer simulation of how an implant is created according to an embodiment of the invention. The amendment filed by applicants on July 9, 2009 was then discussed. In particular, the amended limitation of "creating an implant" was discussed, and how this differs from U.S. Patent No. 5,682,886 (Delp et al., hereinafter Delp) in that Delp selects from a group of pre-designed implants. Furthermore, the limitation "an outer surface based on the derived information" was discussed.

Examiner Cwern agreed to take Applicant's comments into consideration when responding to the amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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